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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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					0	r Sec	tion 30(h	n) of the Ir	nvestmen	t Con	npany Act o	of 1940							
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Newton Lehman E III						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO [SM									tionship of R all applicabl Director	le)	Person(10% Ov	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1776 LINCOLN ST. SUITE 700					12/3	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008										ive title Other (below) P-Regional Manager			. ,
(Street) DENVER	СО	8	0203		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applical X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				,	
(City)	(State)) (Z	ľip)																
		T	able I - No	n-Der	ivativ	e S	ecuriti	es Acq	uired,	Disp	osed o	f, or Bei	nefici	ially Ow	ned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)				2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an			and 5) Securities Beneficial Following		ly Owned or Reported (In		Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or P	rice	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value					/31/2008				J ⁽¹⁾	V	174	A	\ \$	317.2635	3,3	.4 D		D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value				02/2	/28/2009				M		549	A	1	(2)	3,8	63 D		D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 02				02/2	28/2009				F		180	I	5	\$13.58 3,6		683		D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 02/2				02/2	8/2009			М		388	A		(3)	4,071		D			
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 02/2				02/2	8/2009			F		127	I)	\$13.58	3,944		D			
			Table II -								sed of, o				ed				
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	cise (Month/Day/Year) f ive	3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/)	ate, T	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	n Dat	Securities Underly		rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction	e s illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				c	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	or No		Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	ion(s)		
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	02/28/2009			M			549	02/28/20	09	02/28/2009	Commo Stock		549	\$0	549		D	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	02/28/2009			M			388	02/28/20	09	02/28/2009	Commo		388	\$0	774		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Mr. Newton purchased 174 shares of the issuer's common stock on December 31, 2008, through the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- 2. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock units were granted on February 28, 2007, are associated with fiscal year 2006, and vest in four equal installments beginning on the grant date. On the vesting dates, shares are issued to the reporting person, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.
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Remarks:

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-03/03/2009 Fact)

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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